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1. At about 1900 hours on 12 April 1955, a column of tanks and guns was seen moving eastward on the Tallinn-Tartu road at a point about five km. east-southeast of Jagala, which is 30 km. southeast of Tallinn. The column consisted of 12 tanks, which were followed by three or four field guns, and with three more tanks at the rear.
2. The tanks were large, and had smooth round turrets and the type of suspension which had separate rollers for track return. There were four or five bogie wheels, and the drive sprocket was aft. The armament was not observed. The turret hatch of one tank was open, and two men in steel helmets were seen. There was also evident a machine gun with a perforated barrel-casing. [REDACTED]
3. The field guns were of 10 cm. caliber, and had barrels only about 1.5 meters long and much thicker at the breach than at the muzzle, but without a step. The recoil tube extended only a very short distance, about 50 cm., in front of the shield. The shield was about 70 cm. high and 50 cm. wide, and appeared to be folded double about a central vertical hinge. The trail was about 1.7 meters long, and was not split. The trail was curved, and, when viewed from above, it was concave. The gun wheels had very thick, solid rubber tires; the over-all diameter of the wheel being about 1.2 meters. The rear gun was towed by what seemed to be an ordinary farm tractor, driven by one man. The other guns were towed by one and one-quarter-ton trucks, each of which had two men in the cab and about eight to ten men on benches in the back. The men were wearing overcoats and winter caps.
4. There was snow on the road and, where the drifts were deep, all traffic was diverted across the fields. There were many tank tracks leading off both sides of the road in the military area one km. southeast of Jagala.
5. At the northwest end of the Jagala military area there was a Soviet triumphal archway. At about the same time that the tanks were seen, four

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antiaircraft guns were seen sited about 200 meters south of the road, near the triumphal archway. The barrels were in a vertical position, and the muzzles were equipped with brakes or flash guards. At the same time, five or six soldiers wearing black shoulder boards with red piping were seen standing by the triumphal archway.

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